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**VICE-CHAIRMAN DAN BURTON DEPARTS FOR  
DENMARK TO ATTEND THE 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

*-Stresses the strength of the Trans-Atlantic relationship in the Age of Terror-*

(Washington, D.C.) - On Thursday, November 10, 2005, Chairman Joel Hefley [R-CO-05] and Vice-Chairman Dan Burton [R-IN-05] will lead the United States Congressional delegation to the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Parliamentary Assembly.

"As a Senior Member of the U.S. House of Representatives' International Relations Committee, it's an honor to serve as the Vice-Chairman of the United States' delegation to NATO. NATO has been a key component of America's international relations and national security strategy for decades, and NATO forces continue to demonstrate their critical role in the Global War on Terror, from Iraq to Afghanistan. It's important for the United States, as an active NATO Ally, to meet with and listen to, our friend and Allies so we can better understand their unique perspective on how best to deal with global terrorism" stated Burton.

The Assembly's 51st Annual Session will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, from November 11, 2005 to November 15, 2005. The NATO Assembly provides a critical forum for international parliamentary dialogue on an array of security, political and economic matters. Its principal objective is to foster mutual understanding among Alliance parliamentarians.

"In this unstable world, where global terrorism remains a major threat to international peace and regional stability, NATO continues to remain one of the United States' most steadfast Allies, and I believe that relationship deserves high praise. NATO has far-surpassed its original Cold War mandate, and is now taking on a larger role in promoting peace, stability and democracy throughout the globe. I firmly believe in NATO's mission, and its Members" concluded Burton.

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